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In re Application of:
SNIJDDER et al.
U.S. App. No.: 10/540,313
PCT No.: PCT/IB03/06241
International Filing Date: 19 December 2003
Priority Date: 06 January 2003
Attorney's Docket No.: US030003
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMILAR
CONTENT HOPPING

DECISION

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 19 December 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/IB03/06241 which claimed a priority date of 06 January 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 22 July 2004. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495, the deadline for payment of the basic national fee in the United States was to expire 30 months from the priority date, 06 July 2005.

On 21 June 2005, applicants filed a Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) for entry into the national stage in the United States which identified the international application as **PCT/IB04/00013**. Accompanied the transmittal letter, applicants included: (1) a preliminary amendment; (2) a copy of a Declaration of Inventorship under PCT Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv) filed during the international phase; (3) an assignment; and (4) an authorization to charge deposit account no. 14-1270 the amount of \$1040 (\$300 for the basic national fee; \$200 for the examination fee; \$400 for the search fee; and \$40 for recordation of an assignment).

COMMUNICATION

A review of the international publication for PCT/IB03/06241 reveals that this is the international application corresponding to the application submitted here. However, the **Transmittal Letter submitted by applicants misidentified the international application**

number as PCT/IB04/00013. Based on applicant's error, a national stage application file was created for PCT/IB04/00013, rather than for PCT/IB03/06241.

In order to continue processing of the national stage application for PCT/IB03/06241, applicant must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to correct the error in the Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) submitted on 21 June 2005. This petition must be accompanied by the \$400 petition fee and a corrected version of the Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390).

Applicant is given **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this Communication to submit the required petition. Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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